

## COUNTY NEWS

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

**Alameda County Medical Society** (reported by Charles L. McVey, secretary)—The May meeting was held at the Public Health Center in Oakland. The program was prepared by A. M. Meads from the members of the staff of the Alameda County Hospital. Charles Miller discussed the history of the County Hospital, emphasizing particularly the advance that had been made in the type of medical and surgical work being rendered the patients. A. H. Rowe demonstrated lantern slides illustrating several phases of Hypo- and Hyper-thyroidism. S. A. Jelte, T. J. Clark, A. Cary, F. Fontaine, and F. L. Loomis talked on the choice of minor procedures in obstetrics. Frank S. Baxter read a paper on Accessory Sinus Disease in Children. Q. O. Gilbert read a paper on Some Aspects of Intravenous Therapy in Severe Infections.

### FRESNO COUNTY

**Fresno County Medical Society** (reported by T. F. Madden, secretary)—At the meeting on May 2 the society was the guest of the Burnett Sanitarium at a dinner at the Hughes Hotel. There were also present a delegation of twenty-one members of the Alameda County Society.

S. K. Jamgotchian, W. B. Milholland, and A. T. Goldberg of Fresno were elected to membership.

The program was furnished by the staff of the Merritt Hospital of Oakland. George Rothganger, M. D., acted as chairman, and the following papers were presented:

"Some Neglected Landmarks in Therapeutics," by H. N. Rowell; discussion by Dr. Schottstaedt of Fresno, and Dr. Alexander of Oakland.

"The Surgical Abdomen," by S. H. Buteau; discussed by Dr. Morgan and Dr. Cross of Fresno.

"X-ray Therapy," by A. C. Siefert; discussion by Dr. Milholland of Fresno.

"Spinal Anesthesia," by M. L. Emerson; discussants, Doctors Vanderburgh, Buteau, Rothganger, and Dixon.

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

**Riverside County Medical Society** (reported by T. A. Card, secretary)—The meeting of May 9 was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, with thirty members and ten guests present. Silas J. Brimhall of Elsinore, and Florilla M. White of Palm Springs were elected to membership.

The scientific program consisted of the following: Notes on the Management of Infants, Victor E. Stork, M. D., of Los Angeles; Dermatology and the General Practitioner, by Moses Scholtz of Los Angeles. Dr. Stork's paper dealt largely with the breast-fed infant, stressing the importance of breast nursing as a factor in reducing infant mortality. He also discussed the diet of the sixth to twelfth-month infant. Dr. Scholtz discussed the diagnosis and treatment of some of the common skin lesions.

A number of dogs and cattle have died of rabies in Riverside County recently, and the State Board of Health has quarantined against this infection.

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

**San Diego County Medical Society** (reported by Robert Pollock, M. D.)—On account of meetings of the National Society and our own State Medical Society during May, the only meeting of the San Diego Society was held May 9, when a discussion

of the therapy of goitre was enjoyed. This was opened by papers by Thomas O. Burger and Lyell C. Kinney on the surgical and radiologic treatment, respectively. A liberal discussion followed.

John D. Hartley and Martha Welpton represented the San Diego Medical Society at the A. M. A. meeting in St. Louis. Martha Welpton, M. D., was elected vice-president, and Marjory Potter, M. D., secretary of the Medical Women's National Association at its recent meeting at St. Louis. On May 18, O. G. Wicherski, county physician, delivered diplomas to the graduating class of the nurses' training school at the San Diego County General Hospital. The following members of the county society attended the Yosemite meeting of the State Society: H. A. Barclay, Charles W. Brown, F. A. Burton, J. D. Hartley, L. C. Kinney, T. Coe Little, E. Blanche Ramer, C. E. Rees, R. G. Sharp, and John Yates.

### SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

**San Francisco County Medical Society** (reported by Le Roy H. Briggs, secretary)—The Committee on Medicine met on May 2. The two papers presented were "A Plan of Intensive Treatment for Congenital Syphilis" by Hermann Schussler, and "Treatment of Acquired and Active Syphilis," by H. E. Alderson and G. H. Becker.

**Medical Officers Organize**—The San Francisco medical sector of the Association of the Army of the United States, authorized under the Act of June, 1921, has been perfected.

The Association, under the leadership of General Thornwell Mullally, has been in active operation for some months, and has been holding bi-weekly luncheons, at which lectures on important army topics have been given by experts.

To Colonel Bannister was assigned the task of organizing the medical sector of this army unit. By-Laws were adopted, and the following officers were assigned:

Col. W. B. Bannister, Surgeon of the Ninth Corps Area, chairman; Dr. Philip King Brown, vice-chairman; Dr. R. J. Dowdell, second vice-chairman; Major M. H. Eppstein, secretary; Dr. E. H. Angermann, treasurer.

Dr. J. Wilson Shiels, Dr. Morton H. Gibbons, Major J. M. Downs, Acting Division Surgeon of the Ninety-first Division, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

About sixty members of the old Ninety-first Division were enrolled as members.

**California Academy of Medicine**—The next meeting of the California Academy of Medicine will be held July 8, at a dinner at the Fairmont Hotel. The guest of the evening is to be Dr. Ernest Fuchs of Vienna. Dr. Fuchs is famous for his special work on the eye. He will address the Society on the subject of "The Eye and the Endocrines."

### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Santa Barbara County Medical Society** (reported by A. C. Soper, secretary)—The May meeting was held at the Cottage Hospital. Horace F. Pierce presented a case of Cretinism, and discussed the subject. "The Present and Future of Thoracic Surgery" was the subject of a paper by Samuel Robinson, which was discussed by C. S. Stevens, G. L. Chaffin, and H. J. Ullmann.

At the meeting of May 8, G. F. Farman read a paper on "Prostatic Massage." Mellinger's paper was on "Diphtheria of the Middle Ear," with special reference to virulent and non-virulent types of diphtheria bacilli.

The Society is engaged in an effort to establish a milk committee for the certification of milk in Santa Barbara County.

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

**Santa Clara County Medical Society** (reported by E. P. Cook, secretary)—The May meeting of the society was held in the society rooms in the Twohy building, San Jose. The meeting was in charge of Frank H. Paterson, counselor from the fifth district of the State society. Reports from the State convention were given by F. H. Paterson, C. M. Richards, M. W. Kapp, J. H. Shephard, and G. L. Barry.

W. Lester Wilson was accepted to membership by transfer from the Stanislaus County Medical Society.

**New Home for the Stanford School of Nursing**—The trustees of Stanford University opened the new nurses' home on the 31st of March, with formal exercises in the afternoon and a dance in the evening. The presentation of the home to the university was made by William Mayo Newhall, president of the board of trustees, and accepted by Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University.

**SONOMA COUNTY**

**Sonoma County Medical Society** (reported by N. Juell, secretary)—The June meeting of the Society was held at Santa Rosa on the 8th, with ten members and two visitors present, and twenty-five members absent. Max Rothschild spoke on tuberculosis with special reference to modern treatment. J. H. McLeod and C. N. Mooney reported to the Society on the activities of the annual meeting of the California State Society at Yosemite.

The Society took necessary steps to secure the data provided for by resolution of the House of Delegates in order to increase the panel of our own members to practice industrial medicine.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY**

**Stanislaus County Medical Society** (reported by R. E. Maxwell, secretary)—The meeting of May 12 was held at a local hotel with President Fields in the chair. Members present were Mottram, Benson, Surryhne, Finney, Sturgis, Morgan, Bemis, McPheeters, Fields, Young, Reamer, De Lappe, McKibbin, and Maxwell.

Dr. Lester Wilson was given a transfer to the Santa Clara County Society. A. E. Julien of Turlock was elected to membership.

Dr. F. R. De Lappe, as chairman of the fee schedule committee, submitted a tentative report. A resolution was passed instructing the delegate to the State society to bring before the House of Delegates a recommendation that they appoint a State committee for consideration of a uniform fee schedule.

A paper by Dr. Polak upon "Abuse of Caesarian Section" was read by Dr. Surryhne.

**New Associate Secretary**—Following out the policies endorsed by the Council, the Publicity Bureau has appointed Dr. Howard H. Johnson full-time associate secretary of the State Medical Society.

Dr. Johnson's academic degree is from Miami, and his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati. His intern service was in the Cincinnati General Hospital, and he has since that time had a large and important experience, both in military and civil life, in medical administrative work. The co-operation of members of the State Society in making his services useful to the public and the physicians is requested.

**EXTENSION WORK**

The following additions have been made to the Extension Lecture courses offered by members of the State Society to local societies: (See November, February and March Journals for other lectures.)

**A. GOTTLIEB, M. D.,**  
603 Consolidated Realty Building, Los Angeles.

**1. Physiotherapy in Orthopedic Practice:**

The usefulness and mode of application of the various physical modalities in deformities acquired after accidents. Statistics and lantern slides.

**2. The Painful Foot:**

A discussion of the possible painful foot conditions of local and remote origin. Prevention and treatment.

**3. Backsprains and Their Treatment by Physical Therapy:**

Diagnosis of sprains by elimination and early treatment with physical and mechanical modalities in acute conditions. Physio-therapy of chronic backsprains.

**4. Metatarsalgia:**

Etiologic factors, with special reference to the high-heeled shoe, which cause contracture of the "tendon Achilles," and leads to metatarsalgia: Prophylaxis and treatment. Lantern slide demonstrations.

**5. Orthopedic Principles in the Early Treatment of Injuries:**

A discussion of immobilization vs. mobilization and preventive physiotherapy. Statistics and lantern slides.

**Upheld by the Highest Court**—The laws of Ohio relating to the practice of medicine and surgery require that all who engage in the treatment of the sick in that State, including chiropractors, shall first submit to examination by the State Medical Board in certain fundamental branches. The constitutionality of these laws has now been passed on by the Ohio Court of Appeals, the Ohio Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court, the last named having refused to review the decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio which, in an unanimous opinion, declared the laws constitutional and approved the rules and regulations of the State Medical Board. Thus the great principle for which the medical profession of this country has contended has been approved and upheld by the Appellate Court and the Supreme Court of one of our greatest States and, finally, by the Supreme Court of the United States. The opinion of the Supreme Court was handed down by Chief Justice Taft.

With characteristic effrontery, as is stated in current accounts of the situation, a rather large group of the chiropractors of Ohio announced, at a meeting in Akron, that they would "go to jail" before they would obey the law, even though that law has been upheld by the highest court of the land. Of course, the next move of these law violators and law defiers will be to get a little law of their own, if they can, at the hands of the next Legislature in Ohio. It is to be hoped that the members of that Legislature will be so informed that they will be convinced of the righteousness of the principle for which the medical profession contends, and it is to be hoped, too, that the public will be so informed as to their own interests in the matter as to demand from the Legislature that the chiropractor shall be no less well qualified in fundamental subjects than any other who is to be allowed to treat the sick. (American Medical Association Bulletin, April 15, 1922.)